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Selected Editorial

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Communists Spend Billions on Fronts

An idea of the extent the Communist conspiracy to dominate the world is being spread has been given by Allen Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, who estimates \$2 billion a year is being spent for "front" organizations in free world countries."

Thanks to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Communist organizations with fine-sounding names have scant political effectiveness in the United States, but that is not true everywhere. Two billion dollars will buy a lot of propaganda and the Kremlin must feel that it is getting its money's worth.

Mr. Dulles in a talk to the Women's Forum on National Security in Washington cited the Women's International Democratic Federation as a Communist front organization which alone costs about \$6 million a year.

People who take names at face value would be deceived by that of the federation. In all likelihood it is having fair success in countries where the real purpose of front organizations has not been unmasked.

It is organizations such as this which plot the "spontaneous" demonstrations from time to time carry forward the Communist line. Fresh in memory are the demonstrations in many countries at the time Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, the atomic spies, were executed. Undoubtedly thousands of persons who themselves oppose Communism took part in the demonstrations, because they were not aware that they were fomented by the Communists to create dislike for the United States.

Unfortunately, citizens of some of the countries on our side of the Iron Curtain have not been informed of the threat posed by these organizations. Until these people become aware of their true purpose, the Kremlin will be able to eat away at the foundations of their liberty as termites undermine a building.—*Houston Post*.